

MEMORANDUM

To: Chief Financial Officers – All Hospitals

From: Dennis N. Phelps – Deputy Director-Audit & Compliance

Date: May 18, 2022

Re: Implementation of Medical Debt Protection House Bill 565

On December 15, 2021, the HSCRC staff was asked to provide guidance on the implications of House Bill 565, Chapter 770, which concerns hospital medical debt protection, see attachments. At that time, the Office of Counsel to the General Assembly issued an opinion to the bill sponsor, describing how the legislation is to be implemented before regulations and guidelines on the bill are adopted. Staff believes that it is useful to provide the opinion again, since it is expected that the regulations and guidelines relating to the implementation of the legislation will not be adopted until the Fall of 2022.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, you may contact me at dennis.phelps@maryland.gov.

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